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| Application Number     | 09/746,192        |
| Filing Date            | December 21, 2000 |
| Examiner Name          | Thien Minh Le     |
| First Named Inventor   | James A. Parker   |
| Art Unit               | 2876              |
| Attorney Docket Number | 283-205.03 Con    |

**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.**  
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- b. ☒ Enclosed
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- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/ Declaration(s)
- iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☒ Other Substitute Spec & Marked Sub. Spec
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- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
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- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☒ Other (Information Disclosure Statement Fee - \$180)
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| Signature          | <i>George S. Blasiak</i> | Date                              | January 10, 2006 |

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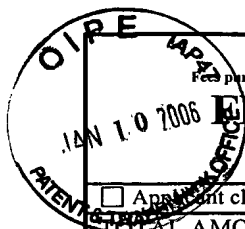
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☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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### 1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES

| Application Type | FILING FEES |                       | SEARCH FEES |                       | EXAMINATION FEES |                       | Fees Paid (\$) |
|------------------|-------------|-----------------------|-------------|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
|                  | Fee (\$)    | Small Entity Fee (\$) | Fee (\$)    | Small Entity Fee (\$) | Fee (\$)         | Small Entity Fee (\$) |                |
| Utility          | 300         | 150                   | 500         | 250                   | 200              | 100                   |                |
| Design           | 200         | 100                   | 100         | 50                    | 130              | 65                    |                |
| Plant            | 200         | 100                   | 300         | 150                   | 160              | 80                    |                |
| Reissue          | 300         | 150                   | 500         | 250                   | 600              | 300                   |                |
| Provisional      | 200         | 100                   | 0           | 0                     | 0                | 0                     |                |

### 2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

| Fee Description   | Fee (\$) | Small Entity Fee (\$) |
|---|----------|-----------------------|
| Each claim over 20 or, for Reissues, each claim over 20 and more than in the original patent            | 50       | 25                    |
| Each independent claim over 3 or, for Reissues, each independent claim more than in the original patent | 200      | 100                   |
| Multiple dependent claims   | 360      | 180                   |
| Total Claims  |          |                       |
| - 20 or HP =  | x        | =                     |
| HP= highest paid number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20                                    |          |                       |
| Indep. Claims   |          |                       |
| - 3 or HP =   | x        | =                     |
| HP =highest number of independent claims paid for, if greater than 3                                    |          |                       |

### 3. APPLICATION SIZE FEE

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### 4. OTHER FEES

|  | Fees Paid (\$) |
|--|----------------|
| Non-English Specification, \$130 fee (no small entity discount)                                    |                |
| Other: Request for Continued Examination Fee (\$790), Information Disclosure Statement Fee (\$180) | \$970.00       |

## SUBMITTED BY

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